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ESTABLISHMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a German delegation recently visited India and held a series of meeting with various academicians and industry on collaboration plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for utilization of the amount offered by Germany under `special importance to India` programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) No Sir. There has been no official level delegation from Germany to India in recent past.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) India has not received any offer from Government of Germany under "Special importance to India" programme. However, India and Germany have mutually agreed to establish Indo-German Science and Technology Centre (IGSTC) in National Capital Region (NCR), India with contribution of 2 million Euro per year from German side and Rupees 13 crores per year from Indian side for an initial period of 5 years.

(d) The IGSTC shall support mega joint research projects with co-funding from both sides in rupee as well as euros components and participation of industry from both sides. The areas of collaboration and nature of projects to be supported under IGSTC shall be decided by the Governing Body consisting equal members from both countries.